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1. From 8 to 20 August, source noted that the barracks installation in Golm near Potsdam quartered KVP units of various branches of service. The soldiers wore red and blue service colors. A soldier said that the units had come from Torgau. The soldiers occupying the installation allegedly arrived by small groups, rather than collectively. Source frequently observed trucks carrying enlisted men with no weapons or baggage entering the installation. The officers' billets near the installation were gradually occupied by the dependents of eight officers. Heavy weapons distinctly identified in the barracks area included four T 34/85 tanks and three JS III tanks. Soldiers said that AA guns also were in the installation. Source noted that training with tanks was held exclusively at night, presumably on Bornstedter Feld. <sup>1</sup>

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2. On 18 August 1953, an employee of the public trade organization (HO) in Potsdam said that additional KVPs constantly arrived at Potsdam from Ruegen Island. <sup>2</sup>

3. On 18 August, source observed that a building of the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne on Stalin Allee quartered about 100 KVPs who wore black patches. During the time of observation, about 80 KVPs, who wore red patches, left this building and moved to the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne. A Soviet sentry was at the north entrance to the installation and a KVP sentry, who wore black patches, was at the south entrance. No heavy weapons were observed. <sup>25X1C</sup>

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4. On 18 August, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne quartered an estimated 100 to 120 KVPs from the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne. They wore red patches. Repair work was still done in the installation. <sup>3</sup>

5. On 20 August, source observed a sentry wearing red patches at the VP billets at the intersection of Lebert Strasse and Manger Strasse. One building of this installation quartered civilians and KVP soldiers who wore red and green patches.

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6. On 25 August, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne in Potsdam was still occupied by KVPs who wore red service color. No motor traffic was observed. The northern section of the installation quartered an administration school at the time of observation. 3 and 4

7. The Leibgardemusaren Kaserne was still occupied by KVPs who wore red service color. Squads of 10 to 15 men, who carried rifles and three light machine guns per squad, marched to the target ranges. 25X1C

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8. On 29 August, installations in Potsdam occupied by KVPs included the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne on the east side of Stalin Allee; the Leibgardemusaren Kaserne on the west side of Stalin Allee; the NCO school at 23 Jaeger Allee, the NCO school in Eiche and Luftschiffhafen. 3 25X1C

9. About two thirds of Building No 1 of the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne quartered an estimated 200 to 250 KVPs, while the southern side wing was still occupied by Soviet soldiers who wore black-bordered ruby epaulets. From three to five groups of 25 to 30 KVPs who carried rifles and three or four light machine guns almost daily marched from the installation toward Barensherge. Source heard lively reports of rifles and machine guns from this direction. Numerous KVP officers and enlisted men communicated between the installation and the Leibgardemusaren Kaserne on the other side of the street. At the time of observation, only about 40 percent of the buildings of the Leibgardemusaren Kaserne were occupied by an estimated 100 KVPs. Craftsmen were still working there.

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10. On 9 August, barracks installations in Potsdam taken over by the KVP included the NCO school on Jaeger Allee, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne on Stalin Allee, the Artillery Barracks opposite the post hospital, and the residential block at 5 - 11 Reiter Weg. They were still occupied only by advance groups. KVPs commenced doing clearing and repair work. 2

11. From 24 to 30 August, the administration school hitherto located in the former Garde-du-Corps Kaserne on Stalin Allee left. Source inferred from shipments of billeting equipment which arrived that the entire barracks would soon be occupied by KVP. 2

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1. Comment. Previous reports by deserters as well as other records indicated that the barracks installation in Geln was occupied by tank and artillery units of the Potsdam unit which was formerly stationed in Torgau. The service colors observed agree with this observation.

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2. Comment. These observations check with previous information. The KVP soldiers from Ruegen Island probably include replacements assigned to the Potsdam KVP unit by the TV 4000 and security forces of the Prora division which were committed. It is known that the bulk of three infantry regiments of the Prora division has been committed in East Berlin since early August. It is probable that elements may also have been committed in Potsdam.

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3. Comment. Installations in the Potsdam area occupied by KVPs are constantly covered. The majority of these billets are believed to be intended for Unit 1642 in Potsdam. The Luftschiffhafen installation is occupied by the KVP Athletic School.

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4. Comment. Reports by deserters stated that the only central administration or supply school of the KVP moved from Potsdam to Erfurt in November 1952.

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